



Commencement

Winter 2006

Forty-seventh Commencement

Saturday • December 16, 2006

Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

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Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation Dr. Delores A. Honey
Assistant Vice President for Assessment and Institutional Research, Missouri Southern State University

Welcome and Introductions Dr. Julio S. León
President, Missouri Southern State University

Address Dr. Ron Lankford
Superintendent, Webb City R-7 Schools

Presentation of Class Dr. Richard J. McCallum
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Degrees Dr. Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Congratulatory Remarks Dr. William E. Huffman
President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors Dr. Richard J. McCallum

Alma Mater Stephanie Gilmore & Shannon Martinous
Class of 2007

Benediction Dr. Delores A. Honey

Recessional "Sine Nomine" R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter Sharlene Williams

Alma Mater on page 14. • Please remain seated until recessional is completed.

Please turn off all cell phone, beepers, and pagers. Thank You!

About the Speaker



Dr. Ronald L. Lankford, Superintendent of the Webb City R-7 School District, is considered one of the most highly respected superintendents in the state and has overseen dramatic growth in enrollment and in building expansion in Webb City schools during his tenure as superintendent.

A 1971 graduate of Missouri Southern, Dr. Lankford was named "Outstanding Alumnus" in 1981. He earned his Masters, Education Specialist (Ed.S.) and Doctorate (Ed.D.) degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He started his career in education as a social studies teacher and guidance counselor at the Harrisburg Public Schools. He also taught and was assistant high school principal at East Newton. He has been an administrator in the Webb City schools since 1977 where he has served as junior high principal, high school principal, associate superintendent and superintendent.

In addition to his "Outstanding Alumnus" honor from Missouri Southern, Dr. Lankford was named Business Leader of the Year in 1999 by the Webb City Chamber of Commerce, and in 2003 he was selected by a committee of his peers, the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA), as the recipient of the annual Robert L. Pearce Award.

Dr. Lankford has overseen more than \$29 million in building projects in the Webb City school district since 1998.

He and his wife, Carolyn, have two grown children, daughter Christina Dickinson, who is a kindergarten teacher, and son Craig, who is an M.D.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Branham, Sarah Beth
Gould, Emilie Ann
Miller, Jessica Lee

Scotten, Krista Shannon
Skaggs, Christina Lynn

Sortors, Theresa Dianne
Wilson, Suzanne Jane ‡

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Ainsworth, Cary R.
Britton, Roxanna A.
Devine, Bobbette S.
Ensor, Alice Christine

Hendrix, Ashley Anne
Hoenshell, Brook Elizabeth
Humphreys, Elisabeth R. †

McCracken, Jennifer Rose
Monahan, Logan Blaine
Ward, Kayla

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Caddy, Raymond Alan
Callahan, Kriya S.
Campbell-Lage, Jeanette R. **
Hofer, Melissa Kay
Holmes, Sarah Elizabeth

Hunter, Laura Adelle
Karsten, Melissa Marie
Long, Jacob Edward
Long, Stephen W.
Mulia, Joseph Ford

Njoume, Laticia Maree
Powers, Melissa Jeanette
Skiles, Crystal Gayle **
Steele, Brek Connor
Woods, Tessa Norene †

Associate Degrees

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.799

Depreste, Charles Dean
Harrell, Jessica Danielle

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Baack, David Edward
History
Joplin

Divine, Kellee Beth
Communication
Joplin

Ensor, Alice Christine
English
Joplin

Evans, Tracy Renee
English
Carterville

Foster, Angela Nicole
Spanish
Joplin

Hendrix, Ashley Anne
Communication
Washburn

Humphreys, Elisabeth R. †
Art
Joplin

Jones, Samuel Lee
German
Joplin

Karsten, Melissa Marie
Art
Baxter Springs, KS

Lane, Amy L.
Sociology
Joplin

Liu, Michele Yan
International Studies
Joplin

MacIntosh, Jessica L.
Communication/French
St. Charles

Mallory, Alexis Michelle
Communication
Kansas City

McCain, Lisa R.
Art
Joplin

Mulia, Joseph Ford
French/International Studies
Rolla

Patterson, Jodie Lynn
Art
Joplin

Porter, Richard Allen
English
Liberal

Powers, Melissa Jeanette
History
Seneca

Rousselot, Theresa Christine
Theatre
Webb City

Shepherd, Kellee Dianne
Sociology
Joplin

Skaggs, Lynsey Hunter
Art
Neosho

Sneddon, Cody Ray
Spanish
Carthage

Sparkman, Steven James †
International Studies
Seymour

Spry, Stephen James
Spanish
Carterville

Trout, Erin Rose
Political Science
Goodman

Warner, Anayansi Puertas
Communication
Joplin

Wilson, Suzanne Jane ‡
French
Joplin

Wolven, Steven Andrew
Communication
Reed Springs

Woods, Tessa Norene †
Spanish
Joplin

Woodworth, Debra Dale
English
Noel

Woodworth, George Burdette
English
Noel

Zellmer, Catherine Marie
History
Carthage

Bachelor of Science

Buster, Adam Joseph
Biology
Carthage

Cavener, Sara Ilene
Biology
Webb City

Dalglisch, David James
Mathematics
Monett

Fisher, Tara Lea
Sociology
Neosho

Forst Scriven, Jeanne Mae
Sociology
Carl Junction

Foster, Angela Nicole
Biochemistry
Joplin

Hombs, Kelson Grant
Sociology
Joplin

Hunter, Laura Adelle
Environmental Health
Carthage

Jones, Crystal Dawn
Sociology
Joplin

Kerr, Sarah Elizabeth
Sociology
Joplin

Lee, Sean G.
Biology
Neosho

Lentz, Allison June
Biology
Park City, KS

Littrell, James Adam
Biology
Chetopa, KS

McAfee, Bradley James
Environmental Health
Carl Junction

Moritz, Stephanie Michelle
Biology
Joplin

Morris, Pamela Jean
Biology
Neosho

Rice, Aaron J.
Environmental Health
Joplin

Roberts, Danielle Michelle
Biology
Bradleyville

Scott, Mary Patricia
Environmental Health
Carthage

Smothers, Christine S.
Sociology
Carthage

Sorrentino, Sarah Elizabeth
Biology
Miami, OK

Steele, Brek Connor
Environmental Health
Stockton

Stinnett, Jeremy Jason
Biology
Joplin

Taylor, Timothy Michael
Environmental Health
Joplin

Wattman, Jennifer F.
Sociology
Anderson

Wells, Loni Suzanne
Sociology
Pittsburg, KS

Wheeler, Miranda Cody
Biology
West Plains

Woods, Tessa Norene †
Biochemistry
Joplin

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Ainsworth, Cary R.

Management
Joplin

Armstrong, Aaron Michael

Management
Independence

Black, Sarah Rebekah

Accounting
Joplin

Boatright, David Lee *

General Business
Carthage

Bowen, Clarissa Kaye

Accounting
Joplin

Boyer, Stacy Nichole

Marketing
Webb City

Brewer, John Newton

Marketing
Webb City

Brown, Samantha Sue

Management
Monett

Cerrato, Fredy Salvador

International Business
Joplin

Clark, Kasey Lynn

Marketing
Joplin

Clubb, John Wesley

Marketing
Carl Junction

Connelly, Joanne

Accounting
Wyandotte, OK

Cooper, Betty Jayne

Management
Granby

Cowger, Kasey Lee

Marketing
Oronogo

Cupp, Matthew Lynn

General Business
Springfield

Devine, Bobbette S.

Accounting
Anderson

Dixon, Katherine Ann

General Business
Carthage

Fanning, Shaun Ryan

General Business
Joplin

Garner, Bryan C.

General Business
Pierce City

Girton, Perry W.

Accounting
Webb City

Glover, Toney R.

Management
Joplin

Gober, Gerald C.

Accounting
Carthage

Gould, Emilie Ann

Accounting
Fairland, OK

Guilford, Jennifer Lynn

Management
Joplin

Hallmark, Trishia Dawn

Management
Carthage

Halterman, Aaron Michael

Marketing
Aurora

Hargis, Britany D.

General Business
Coweta, OK

Harris, Casey M.

Management/International Business
Monett

Hart, Brandon Keith

International Business
Oronogo

Hofer, Melissa Kay

Management
Harrisonville

Jennings, Meagan Amber

Accounting
Joplin

Jobe, Rachel Diane

Marketing
Neosho

Johnston, Sarah Gayle

Management
Joplin

Jones II, Alton

Marketing
El Paso, TX

Kampa, Amanda Katherine

Marketing/Management/General
Business
Brookline

Kelsey, Hannah Marie

International Business
Eureka

Lais, Sarah Meghan

Marketing
Overland Park, KS

Larson, Alex Michael

Marketing
Carl Junction

Mayberry, Jason Brian

Management
Seneca

Michaud, Philip James

Finance and Economics
Webb City

Millsap, Aaron Michael

Accounting
Joplin

Misiko, Christabel Mutenyo

Marketing
Joplin

Moreland, Dustin Howard

Management
Webb City

Morris, Timothy Michael

Management
Moundville

Osborne, Julie Lynn

General Business
Neosho

Peña, Jason John

Finance and Economics
Webb City

Riley, Justin Michael

Marketing
Carthage

Roberts, Jennifer Lynn

International Business
Bradleyville

Schmidt, Angela Holly

Marketing
Joplin

Shouse, Rhonda Elaine

Accounting
Rockville

Skaggs, Christina Lynn

Accounting
Noel

Sombito, Matthew Jamili

Marketing
Webb City

Sortors, Theresa Dianne

Accounting
Sheldon

Spry, Stephen James

International Business
Carterville

Straw (Brumfield), Donna Kay

Accounting
Sarcoxi

Sturgis, Samuel Joseph Don

Management
Joplin

Swaffar, Tyler Preston

Finance and Economics
Granby

Tran, Thanh

Finance and Economics
Carthage

Van Houtan, Todd Eric

Marketing
Joplin

Velten, Jeremy Lawrence

Management
Pierce City

Vetsch, Susan M.

*Accounting
Joplin*

Walker, Shandon Joseph

*Management
Joplin*

Watts, Andrew Mathews

*Management
Carthage*

White, Patty Jean

*General Business
Seneca*

White, Tyler Andrew

*Management
Webb City*

Williams, Jahala J.

*General Business
Joplin*

Wyler, Shelby Morgan

*General Business/Marketing/
Management
Joplin*

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Holmes, Sarah Elizabeth

*Psychology
Joplin*

Riggen, Jaime Lorraine

*Psychology
Joplin*

Shepherd, Kellee Dianne

*Psychology
Joplin*

Ward, Kayla

*Psychology
Goodman*

Latyshev, Oleg Sergeyevich

*Psychology
Joplin*

Bachelor of Science

Adkison, Amy Rae

*Health Promotion and Wellness
Owensville*

Davidson, Becky Michelle

*Psychology
Neosho*

McCracken, Jennifer Rose

*Psychology
Newburg*

Roark, Tamara Marie

*Psychology
Joplin*

Clements, Ashley Megan

*Health Promotion and Wellness
Arkansas City, KS*

Hunnell, Angela Dawn

*Psychology
Carthage*

Bachelor of Science in Education

Branham, Sarah Beth

*Elementary Education
Nevada*

Corrao, Megan Aileen

*Elementary Education
Fiant CA*

Gonzales, Diane Elizabeth

*Elementary Education
Neosho*

Krudwig, Bethany Ann

*Theatre/Speech Communication
Education
Webb City*

Brown, Ashley Nichole

*Elementary Education
Joplin*

Crane, Matthew Isaac

*Physical Education
Aurora*

Hoenshell, Brook Elizabeth

*Business Education
Joplin*

Lanham, Jacqueline Annolene

*Elementary Education
Neosho*

Callahan, Kriya S.

*Elementary Education
Cassville*

Cupp, Caleb Andrew

*Physical Education
Carthage*

Ince, Amanda R.

*Middle School Education
Seymour*

Lee, Katherine Marie

*Art Education
Carterville*

Campbell-Lage, Jeanette R**

*Art Education
Carthage*

Fulsom, Micah Nicole

*Elementary Education
Webb City*

Jaynes, Karissa Michele

*Social Science Education
Lebanon*

Long, Jacob Edward

*Industrial Technology Education
Caulfield*

Clutter, Brenda Joyce

*English Education
Jasper*

Goddard, Marris Dawn

*Art Education
Duenweg*

Keyes-Limkeman, Desiree Anne

*Elementary Education
Joplin*

Long, Stephen W.

*Social Science Education
Webb City*

Miller, Jessica Lee
Elementary Education
Lamar

Njoume, LaTicia Maree
Elementary Education
Joplin

Norton-Burkland, Ginney Patricia
Elementary Education
Webb City

Palmer, Elyse A.**
Elementary Education
Joplin

Ryan, Esther M.
Physical Education
Joplin

Schneider, Amy Katherine
Physical Education
Oronogo

Scotten, Krista Shannon
Elementary Education
Nevada

Skiles, Crystal Gayle**
Middle School Education
Jefferson City

Smith, Kristi Jean
Elementary Education
Joplin

Smith, Shannon Ashley
Elementary Education
Joplin

Tanksley, Marybeth Irene**
Elementary Education
Baxter Springs, KS

Trecker, Theresa Rose
Elementary Education
Exeter

Turner, Casey Elaine
Elementary Education
Mount Vernon

Wenger, Nicholas Anthony
Business Education
Sarcoxie

Wheeler, Rhonda Hallam
Elementary Education
Aurora

Wilson, Sean Kevin
Elementary Education
Joplin

Young, Christopher Canaan
French Education
Joplin

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Achey, Nathaniel S.
Computer Information Science
Carl Junction

Bond, Jeremie M.
Criminal Justice Administration
Decatur, IL

Britton, Roxanna A.
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Chapman, Jordan Tyler
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Eaton, Joseph Neil
Criminal Justice Administration
Monett

Fox, Steven Loren
Management Technology (MIMS)
Nevada

Friend, Penny Sue
Criminal Justice Administration
Pierce City

Gaines, Leonard Clint
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Golden, Nicholas Patrick
Criminal Justice Administration
Kansas City

Hartley, Zachary Thomas
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Harvey, Troy David
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Jones, Samuel Lee
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Kirk, Tiffany Marie
Health Science
Joplin

Kissinger, Abbie Rachel
Criminal Justice Administration
Newton, KS

LaBlank, Cortlin K.
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Lynch Jr., James Michael
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

McDowell, Donald Bryan
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Merino, Eric James
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Monahan, Logan Blaine
Criminal Justice Administration
Kimberling City

Morgan-Case, Geneia Lynn
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Morgan, Lori Rachel
Nursing
Joplin

Muter, Courtney Dionne
Health Science
Pittsburg, KS

Myers, Jeremy K.
Computer Information Science
Seneca

Olin, Rebecca J.
Criminal Justice Administration
Southwest City

Sacksteder, Jeremy Lloyd
Computer Information Science
Carthage

Siebenaler, Sherry Lynn
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Storm, Tyler Barrett
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Thurman, Kim Marlene
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Walters, Jessika Marie
Criminal Justice Administration
Miami, OK

Webb, David Denver
Industrial Engineering Technology
Carthage

Whitehead, Chelsea Lynn
Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Bachelor of General Studies

Basore, Tyson E.

General Studies
Deepwater

Bettasso, Joseph Silas

General Studies
Joplin

Browning, Retha Faye

General Studies
Vinita, OK

Caddy, Raymond Alan

General Studies
Neosho

Cupp, Caleb Andrew

General Studies
Carthage

Denney, Thomas William Travis

General Studies
Sheldon

Evans, Sylvia Jane

General Studies
Joplin

Head, Stephanie Dawn

General Studies
Joplin

Jackson, Michael Adam

General Studies
Springdale, AR

Jenison, Anita M.

General Studies
Carthage

Lewis, Elise K.

General Studies
Carthage

Marbough Sr., David James

General Studies
Joplin

Sharits, Beverly Diane

General Studies
Carthage

Shoup, Nathan Wesley

General Studies
Webb City

Stone, Scott Edwin

General Studies
Oronogo

Williams, Wade Ray

General Studies
Purdy

Youtsey, Stacie D.

General Studies
Webb City

Associate of Arts

Burns, Kendra Nicole

General Studies
Purdy

Dukart, Jacquelyn Marie

General Studies
Joplin

Horine, Christopher Loren

General Studies
Oronogo

Smiley, Daisy Ann

General Studies
Joplin

Stoner, Christina M.

General Studies
Windsor, CO

Associate of Science

Ackerman, Amy Ann

Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Alderman, Teri R.

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Bowman, Chad Stewart

Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Brust, Samantha Suzanne

Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Caddick, Jeremy Allen

Law Enforcement
Sarcoxie

Clark, Shaina R.

Respiratory Therapy
Pittsburg, KS

Claxton, Carolyn S.

Respiratory Therapy
Seneca

Cornell, Jessica Marie

Respiratory Therapy
Sheldon

DePreste, Charles Dean

General Business
Sarcoxie

Dorris, Brandon Mikeal

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Florida, Chastity Dawn

General Business
Rockville

Galloup, Anya L.

General Business
Joplin

Gardner, Rochelle Lynn

Respiratory Therapy
Lamar

Griven, Gregory A.

Computer Information Science
El Dorado Springs

Golden, Nicholas Patrick

Law Enforcement
Kansas City

Harrell, Jessica Danielle

Respiratory Therapy
Bella Vista, AR

Hartley, Zachary Thomas

Law Enforcement
Carthage

Harvey, Troy David

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Hatfield Peterson, Vanessa R.

General Business
Carl Junction

Howe, Sarah Beth

Respiratory Therapy
Miami, OK

Hukill, Danielle Lea
Respiratory Therapy
Liberal

Jones, Amanda Dawn
General Business
Seneca

Keller, Jennifer Dawn
Respiratory Therapy
Pittsburg, KS

Kelley, Megan Dutch
Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Kissinger, Abbie Rachel
Law Enforcement
Newton, KS

Leaming, Heather Dawn
Respiratory Therapy
Alba

Leary, Sean B.
Pre-Engineering
Carthage

Lee, Diana L.
General Business
Carterville

Liles, Margaret Mae
Respiratory Therapy
Webb City

Lynch Jr., James Michael
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Mathis, Kyla Marie
Respiratory Therapy
Lamar

McAllister, Michael Joseph
General Business
Webb City

McQuillen, Chad Derek
General Business
Joplin

Merino, Eric James
Law Enforcement
Neosho

Morgan-Case, Geneia Lynn
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Parsons, Harlow D.
*Computer Assisted Manufacturing
Technology*
Galena, KS

Pierce, Terrance Robert
Law Enforcement
Hume

Rooffener, Michelle Rae
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Sacksteder, Jeremy Lloyd
*Computer Aided Drafting and
Design/Computer Assisted
Manufacturing Technology*
Carthage

Smith, Stevi Lee
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Stone, Justin Maxwell
Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Storm, Tyler Barrett
Computer Aided Graphic Design
Joplin

Walsh, Matthew Austin
General Business
Carthage

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear blue gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

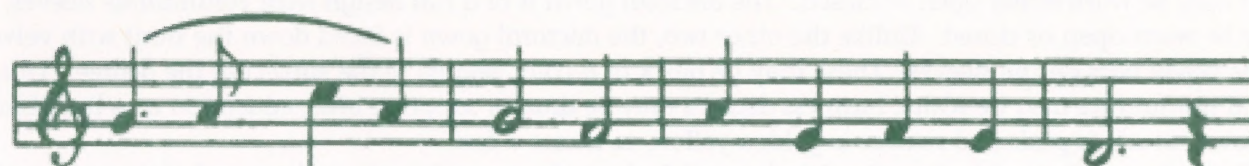
Music by Emerson Jackson,
Class of '39



Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.